

1 AN ACT concerning public health.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**  
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Illinois Rural/Downstate Health Act is  
5 amended by changing Section 5.5 as follows:

6 (410 ILCS 65/5.5)

7 Sec. 5.5. Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund.

8 (a) The Rural/Downstate Health Access Fund is created as a  
9 special fund in the State treasury. Moneys from fees and gifts,  
10 grants, or donations made to the Center for Rural Health shall  
11 be deposited into the Fund. Subject to appropriation and except  
12 as provided in subsection (b) of this Section, moneys in the  
13 Fund shall be used in the following manner for rural health  
14 programs or for programs for the medically underserved  
15 authorized under this Act: 60.2% shall be distributed to the  
16 Department of Public Health, 26.3% shall be distributed to the  
17 Board of Trustees of Southern Illinois University, and 13.5%  
18 shall be distributed to the Board of Trustees of the University  
19 of Illinois.

20 (b) The Center for Rural Health at the Department of Public  
21 Health may require that a J-1 Visa Waiver Program application  
22 fee be collected from international medical graduates for the  
23 purpose of administering the Program. J-1 Visa Waiver Program

1 application fees shall be deposited into the Rural/Downstate  
2 Health Access Fund, shall be dedicated to the administration of  
3 the J-1 Visa Waiver Program in Illinois, and may not be subject  
4 to the distribution formula referenced in subsection (a) of  
5 this Section.

6 (c) The Center for Rural Health shall administer the Fund.

7 (d) The Department shall adopt rules necessary to implement  
8 the provisions of this Section.

9 (Source: P.A. 88-312; 88-535; 88-670, eff. 12-2-94.)